

Amendment in Response to Non-Final Office Action

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For: LONGITUDINAL PLUNGING UNIT WITH
CAGE SECURING MEANS

Examiner: G. J. Binda

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Madam:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated April 8, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and an annotated sheet showing changes.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including amended drawing figures is attached following page 15 of this paper.